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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL  
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 3,  
1973:

QUOTE: Q. CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE  
MURDER OF COLONEL ALON?

A. NOT REALLY. I THINK AT THIS POINT IN TIME THIS IS  
BASICALLY AN FBI, LOCAL POLICE OPERATION. THEY ARE  
PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION, AND I PREFER TO LEAVE IT WITH  
THEM.

Q. YOU WERE ASKED YESTERDAY WHETHER ANY EMBASSY HAD ASKED  
FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROTECTION AS A RESULT OF THE  
HAPPENING. HAVE YOU GOT AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION AS YET?

A. WELL, I DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGES OF CON-  
CERN, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SPECIFY WHICH MISSIONS MIGHT BE  
INVOLVED IN EXPRESSING THAT CONCERN.

Q. WOULD YOU SAY HOW MANY?

A. WELL, IF YOU'RE ASKING IN THE TIMEFRAME BETWEEN THE  
MURDER OF COLONEL ALON AND THE PRESENT TIME, I WOULD PUT,  
YOU KNOW, TWO OR THREE CATEGORIES. BUT, AS I TRIED TO  
INDICATE YESTERDAY, THIS IS REALLY A CONTINUOUS PROCESS.  
WE DO ON OCCASIONS RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS MISSIONS  
FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROTECTION, AND WE DO OUR BEST TO  
ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO THOSE REQUESTS.

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Q. HOW DID YOU RESPOND TO THESE MESSAGES OF CONCERN FROM  
THESE TWO OR THREE EMBASSIES IN THE LAST 48 HOURS?

A. WELL, I THINK IN THE SAME MEASURE AND WAY THAT WE HAVE  
IN THE PAST. BASICALLY, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO TRY AND  
AFFORD THEM THE SECURITY THAT WE CAN WITHIN OUR CAPABILI-  
TIES, AND RECOGNIZING THAT NATURALLY OUR CAPABILITIES ARE

SOMEWHAT LIMITED, AS THEY ARE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Q. CAN YOU SAY WHETHER TERRORISM HAS BEEN RULED IN OR OUT AT THIS POINT?

A. NO, I CANNOT.

Q. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SOME OF THE OFFICIALS IN ISRAEL BEING VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE NATURE OF SECURITY OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL HERE. HAS ANY SUCH OFFICIAL COMPLAINT BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT QUESTIONING THE EXTENT OF SECURITY PROVIDED?

A. I HAVEN' T SEEN THE REPORTS THAT YOU' RE ALLUDING TO.

Q. MOSHE DAYAN WAS ONE OF THEM, IN A BROADCAST.

A. AS I SAID, I HAVEN' T SEEN THE REPORTS THAT YOU' RE ALLUDING TO. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE HAVE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY ON THE BEST MANNER AND MEANS TO AFFORD THEM PROTECTION.

Q. BUT YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COMPLAINT?

A. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO. END QUOTE. RUSH

NOTE BY OC/ T: POUCHED BAGHDAD AND SANAA.

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